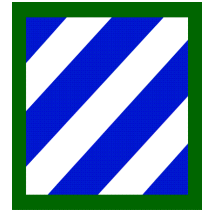


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#### **Fireworks incident on Fort Stewart determined to be accident**

**FORT STEWART, Ga. (July 5, 2007)** – Fort Stewart fire and safety officials determined that the fireworks incident Wednesday night that injured two contractors during the installation's Fourth of July celebration was an accident.

One contractor was treated at the scene and released. The second was taken to Liberty Regional Medical Center and was treated and released the same night. Both are employees of Melrose South Pyrotechnics, Inc., Catawba, S.C.

An 800 square foot safety zone was in place for the fireworks display to ensure the safety of the 5,000 spectators. The fireworks display was stopped immediately after the accident and on-site Stewart-Hunter emergency personnel responded. A Stewart-Hunter explosive ordinance disposal team removed unexploded fireworks from the scene and detonated them safely.

Wednesday's holiday events included a 50-gun salute to the Union, food booths provided by Hinesville and other community supporters, rides and games for children and teenagers, and a concert by Corey Smith.